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EXECUTIVE ORDER 05-16



WHEREAS, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, created by Section 286.010, RSMo, administers laws and programs relating to labor and employment; and

WHEREAS, the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission of Missouri, created by Article IV, Section 49 of the Missouri Constitution and Section 286.010, RSMo, hears appeals from all final decisions and awards in workers' compensation, unemployment compensation and victims of crime compensation cases at the highest administrative level, holds hearings and renders written decisions in prevailing wage disputes, and is composed of one public member, one employer representative and one employee representative; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Mediation was created by Section 295.030, RSMo, and transferred to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations by type II transfer under the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974 and is composed of one public member who serves as chairman, two employer representatives and two employee representatives; and

WHEREAS, the primary duty of the State Board of Mediation is to determine the appropriate bargaining unit and conduct elections for public employees; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of the State Board of Mediation's functions into the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission will benefit the citizens of the State of Missouri by promoting efficiency and reducing costs without losing the representation of the public, employer and employee positions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, in consultation with the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, has determined that the best way to accomplish this consolidation is to transfer the responsibilities, assets, functions and staff of the State Board of Mediation to the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission of Missouri with the Chairman of the Labor and Industrial Relation Commission assuming the duties of the Chairman of the State Board of Mediation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matt Blunt, Governor of the State of Missouri, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, including Article IV, Section 12, Missouri Constitution, Chapter 26, RSMo, and the Omnibus State Reorganization Act of 1974, hereby transfer all the powers, duties and functions of the State Board of Mediation to the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission of Missouri.

ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 1st day of July, 2005.

Matt Blunt Governor

Robin Carnahan Secretary of State